



16 November 2004

To All Offerors

via email and/or posting on NSBF's Purchasing website

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RE: NSBF SOLICITATION NSBF-JBK-2004-RFP-05 BALLOON TRACKING LEASED  
AIRCRAFT, NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC BALLOON FACILITY

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL; ADDENDUM 3 QUESTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

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**Background:**

The NSBF has received the following questions, and provides the responses as indicated. These modifications modify the RFP as indicated. **Offerors should indicate in their cover letters with their proposal that they have received Addenda 1, 2, and 3 to the RFP.**

**Question 1:** Should the months proposed in paragraphs 1.c, 2.c, 3.c, and 4.c of Section A be "8" rather than "7" months.

**Answer:** Yes. See attached revised section A and utilize in pricing..

**Question 2:** Can an offeror propose alternative aircraft?

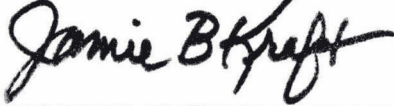
**Answer:** Yes. Section A2 is modified to add: "Alternative aircraft may be proposed, and the offeror should provide a Section A, and Section E for each aircraft proposed. However, a single Section K from each offeror is acceptable."

**Procurement Schedule:** (NO CHANGE TO SCHEDULE EFFECTED BY THIS ADDENDUM.)

- **Proposals are due by 4:00 PM 22 November 2004.** (It should be noted that Federal Express does not make morning deliveries to Palestine, and their afternoon deliveries may not meet the proposal deadline of 4:00 PM.). Evaluation completed by 15 December 2004 and discussions leading to award with one or more offerors completed by 7 January 2004. Award shall be made by 14 January 2004.

**Questions and Comments:** Forward to Mr. Jamie B. Kraft by email to purchasing@nsbf.nasa.gov; fax to (903)723-8054.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:  
  
Jamie B. Kraft, Purchasing Agent

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Purchasing Agent

Attachments: As stated above

## **AI. BID ITEMS**

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
Aircraft Requirement	<p>One (1) multi-engine, turboprop, Normal Category aircraft for use as a tracking, termination, transportation, and logistics aircraft during launch and recovery of scientific balloons and payloads in the performance of a contract with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The aircraft shall be used primarily in the United States of America or Canada, but may be used to support campaigns outside the continental U. S. A. The aircraft provided shall be ONE of the aircraft models listed below:</p> <p>Cessna Model 441 - Conquest II Beechcraft Model C90 - King Air Beechcraft Model E90 - King Air Beechcraft Model F90 - King Air Beechcraft Model 200 – King Air</p>
Minimum Operational Equipment	<p>Operational equipment shall include as a minimum the following general systems:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Full, IFR certified, dual nav/comm suite</li><li>- IFR certified, panel mounted Global Positioning System (GPS)</li><li>- Weather radar</li><li>- Storm scope (optional)</li><li>- Automatic flight control system</li><li>- Terrain Avoidance Warning System (TAWS)</li></ul>
Other Requirements	<p>The aircraft furnished under the subject lease to be delivered to NSBF with a current U.S. Certificate of Airworthiness, all systems in full working order, and all inspections current as specified under the section below titled “Operations and Maintenance.”</p>

## A2. ITEM PRICING

Pricing is for one base operational year and three option operational years. An operational year is defined as the period from 1 April through 30 November of each year. **Alternative aircraft may be proposed, and the offeror should provide a Section A, and Section E for each aircraft proposed. However, a single Section K from each offeror is acceptable.**

ITEM	DESCRIPTION BASE YEAR 4/01/2005-11/30/2005	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED AMOUNT
1.a	Flight Rate for Guaranteed Hours	175	FLIGHT HOURS	\$	\$
1.b.	Flight Rate for Hours in excess of Guarantee	Estimated 50		\$	\$
1.c.	Annual Lease Fee, payable in monthly payments over operational year	8	Months	\$	\$
BASE YEAR ESTIMATED TOTAL					\$

ITEM	DESCRIPTION OPTION YEAR ONE 4/01/2006-11/30/2006	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED AMOUNT
2.a	Flight Rate for Guaranteed Hours	175	FLIGHT HOURS	\$	\$
2.b.	Flight Rate for Hours in excess of Guarantee	Estimated 50		\$	\$
2.c	Annual Lease Fee, payable in monthly payments over operational year	8	Months	\$	\$
OPTION YEAR ONE ESTIMATED TOTAL					\$

ITEM	DESCRIPTION OPTION YEAR TWO 4/01/2006-	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED AMOUNT
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	<b>11/30/2007</b>				
3.a	Flight Rate for Guaranteed Hours	175	FLIGHT HOURS	\$	\$
3.b.	Flight Rate for Hours in excess of Guarantee	Estimated 50		\$	\$
3.c	Annual Lease Fee, payable in monthly payments over operational year	8	Months	\$	\$
		OPTION YEAR TWO ESTIMATED TOTAL			\$

ITEM	DESCRIPTION OPTION YEAR THREE 4/01/2007-11/30/2007	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED AMOUNT
4.a	Flight Rate for Guaranteed Hours	175	FLIGHT HOURS	\$	\$
4.b.	Flight Rate for Hours in excess of Guarantee	Estimated 50		\$	\$
4.c	Annual Lease Fee, payable in monthly payments over operational year	8	Months	\$	\$
		OPTION YEAR THREE ESTIMATED TOTAL			\$

ITEM	DESCRIPTION REMOVAL OF GOVERNMENT INSTALLED EQUIPMENT AND RESTORATION OF AIRCRAFT	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED AMOUNT
5	Remove Government Installed Equipment and restore aircraft to airtworthy status using FAA certified mechanics	1	JOB	\$	\$

Insert the following section in the RFP Pricing Section to make clear whether or not the offeror's price includes requisite insurance.

### **A.5 INSURANCE**

Prices herein \_\_\_\_ INCLUDE / \_\_\_\_ do NOT INCLUDE aircraft insurance in accordance with clause H.1 of the RFP. [Check appropriate space]